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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE - TRIP OF OFFICIAL MILAN

POLITICAL DELEGATION ATTENDING LA SCALA OPENING

(SEPTEMBER 3-12)

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1. SUMMARY. MILAN MAYOR CARLO TOGNOLI (PSI) HAS INFORMED US HE WILL BE HEADING DELEGATION TO U.S. TO ATTEND KENNEDY CENTER OPENING OF LA SCALA SEPTEMBER 7. DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE TOGNOLI AND CITY EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) EMBER ANTONIO TARAMELLI (PCI) REPRESENTING CITY OF MILAN; PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT ROBERTO VITALI (PCI) AND PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) MEMBER GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA (PSI), REPRESENTING PROVINCE OF MILAN; AND DC PARTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY GIANSTEFANO FRIGERIO, WHO WILL ATTEND AS MEMBER OF LA SCALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. GROUP WILL VISIT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND NEW YORK AS WELL AS WASHINGTON. MAYOR TOGNOLI WOULD LIKE TO SEE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. FRIGERIO HAS ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS. TOGNOLI, RECENTLY APPOINTED MAYOR BY MILAN PSI TO FILL SPOT RESIGNED  
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BY INCUMBENT (WHO RAN FOR CHAMBER), IS YOUNG

(38), SERIOUS, EASY TO TALK WITH, AND COMMITTED TO SOCIALIST PARTY INDEPENDENT OF PCI (SEE REFTEL). FRIGERIO (37) IS MILAN PROVINCIAL DC PARTY SECRETARY,

MEMBER OF LA SCALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECEIVE TOGNOLI AND FRIGERIO AND PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. MILAN MAYOR TOGNOLI AND MILAN DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FRIGERIO HAVE ASKED U.S. G. ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING VISITS WITH NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OTHERS DURING SEPTEMBER 3-12 TRIP TO U.S. FUNDED BY CITY OF MILAN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND OPENING OF LA SCALA AT KENNEDY CENTER SEPTEMBER 7. DELEGATION WILL ALSO COMPRISE CITY EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) MEMBER ANTONIO TARAMELLI (PCI), WHO ALONG WITH TOGNOLI WILL REPRESENT CITY OF MILAN; PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT ROBERTO VITALI (PCI); AND PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (GIUNTA) MEMBER GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA (PSI). NONE OF LATTER THREE WILL ACCOMPANY TOGNOLI TO DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. TOGNOLI TOLD US HE HAS IRONED OUT THIS POINT EXPLICITLY WITH PCI MEMBER TARAMELLI. TOGNOLI WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH WIFE, WHO HAS NEVER VISITED U.S. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER WIVES OF OTHERS WILL ACCOMPANY.

3. TOGNOLI DELEGATION PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS. GROUP LEAVES MILAN SEPTEMBER 3 AND ARRIVES SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, LATE SAME DAY, SPENDING LABOR DAY WEEKEND THERE. GROUP LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON EITHER SEPTEMBER 6 OR MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7 TO ATTEND LA SCALA OPENING AND ANY RELATED CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 7. TOGNOLI AND FRIGERIO WILL BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 7 (EXCEPT FOR LA SCALA OBLIGATIONS) AND 8 FOR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. OFFICIALS WILL TRAVEL BY METROLINER TO NEW YORK MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS THERE THAT DAY AND NEXT. GROUP WILL STAY ON IN NEW YORK FOR WEEKEND, RETURNING TO MILAN

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4. TOGNOLI DESCRIBES PURPOSE OF EXTENDING HIS LA SCALA-INSPIRED TRIP TO U.S. PRIMARILY AS OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH AMERICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND, SECONDARILY, TO HOLD POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. WITH REGARD TO FORMER, HIS MAIN INTEREST IS CITY BUDGET AND FINANCING. WE SUGGEST HE AND HIS GROUP

HAVE CHANCE, IN WASHINGTON, TO SEE REP OF UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AS WELL AS CITY GOVERNMENT EXPERT (FOR ACADEMIC POINT OF VIEW) FROM INSTITUTION OR FOUNDATION SUCH AS BROOKINGS. HUD IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY.

5. IN VIEW OF MILAN SOCIALISTS' IMPORTANCE IN PSI NATIONALLY AND TOGNOLI'S VERY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S., RECOMMEND MAYOR BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN.

6. IN NEW YORK, WHERE TOGNOLI WILL ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 9, HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH BANKERS AND CITY OFFICIALS. MAIN SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED IS HOW CITY MANAGES ITS FINANCING. WITH BANKERS, TOGNOLI ALSO INTERESTED IN EXPLORING EVENTUAL POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN BANK LOANS TO CITY OF MILAN, THOUGH HE IS NOT SEEKING SUCH LOANS AT PRESENT WHILE LIRA SO WEAK. WE SUGGEST FNCB AND CHASE MANHATTAN, WHOSE ITALIAN BRANCH PRESIDENTS WE ARE CONTACTING IN MILAN TO FACILITATE CORDIAL RECEPTION. OTHER VALUABLE INTERLOCUTORS FOR TOGNOLI IN NEW YORK WOULD BE FELIX ROHATYN AND CITY EMPLOYEE TRADE UNION LEADERS. TOGNOLI AS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VANNI MONTANA, WHO WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH LOCAL ITALIAN - AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

7. AS FOR FRIGERIO, MILAN DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY HAS SEVERAL REQUESTS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMEONE ASSOCIATED WITH CAMPAIGN OF JIMMY CARTER; WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED CONGRESSMAN OR SENATOR (E.G., SENATOR MANSFIELD); AND ACADEMIC FAMILIAR WITH ITALIAN  
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POLITICAL AFFAIRS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE DISCUSSIONS WITH HOSPITAL OFFICIALS, FOR WHICH WE HAVE CONTACTED MR. JOSEPH LYNAUGH, ACTING DIRECTOR, COMPENSATORY HEALTH PLANNING, NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (111 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 10006; TEL. 212-577-0550). LYNAUGH, FRIEND OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WRIGHT, HAS AGREED TO HANDLE THIS ASPECT OF FRIGERIO'S INTERESTS WHILE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.

8. FRIGERIO, AS WELL AS OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS, WILL PROBABLY BE ATTENDING SOME OF CITY-RELATED MEETINGS WITH TOGNOLI, ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT WORKED OUT AMONG THEMSELVES.

9. TOGNOLI HAS ASKED THAT DELEGATION VISIT SMALL

AMERICAN TOWN AND WE HAVE AGREED WITH HIM ON  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, WHERE ILLINOIS NATIONAL  
BANK PRESIDENT A.D. VAN METER, JR. (TEL. 217-528-7511)  
- ALSO FRIEND OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WRIGHT - HAS  
AGREED TO ACT AS HOST. GROUP WILL ARRIVE SPRING-  
FIELD SEPTEMBER 3 AND LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON EITHER  
SEPTEMBER 6 OR 7, DEPENDING ON AIR SCHEDULES.  
VAN METER IS ARRANGING SPRINGFIELD PROGRAM.

10. TOGNOLI MADE ONE PREVIOUS TRIP TO U.S. IN  
1967 FOR TEN DAYS AS BOARD MEMBER OF MILAN  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY (SEA), VISITING NEW YORK, WASH-  
INGTON, CHICAGO AND TORONTO. HE DOES NOT SPEAK  
ENGLISH AND WILL NEED INTERPRETER.

11. BIO DATA FOLLOWS ON TOGNOLI, FRIGERIO, AND  
OTHERS.

12. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FACILITATIVE  
ASSISTANCE IN (A) SETTING UP GROUP'S PROGRAM AND  
(B) PROVIDING INTERPRETER-ESCORT. WE WOULD AP-  
PRECiate RECEIVING PROGRAM OUTLINE, IF DEPARTMENT  
CAN ASSIST, IN ORDER TO CONFIRM WITH PARTICIPANTS.PARSONS

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